Collection of Fees

396. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of fees collected under the Companies Act, 1956 during the financial years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001;

(b) the total expenditure incurred during the said period for the administration of the Companies Act, 1956;

(c) whether there is any relation between services rendered and fees collected by the Department; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY):

(a) 1999-2000 Rs. 189.62 crores
2000-2001 Rs. 503.18 crores

(b) 1999-2000 Rs. 30.71 crores
2000-2001 Rs. 36.81 crores

(c) and (d) the fees to be paid to the Registrar has been prescribed by the Central Government u/s 611 of Companies Act, 1956. The rate of fees payable by various kind of companies are stated in Scheduled X of Companies Act, 1956. These are reviewed from time to time.

Increase in working days in courts

397. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have asked the High Courts and the State Governments to re-examine the annual vacations and working days in High Courts to expedite disposal of large number of cases; and

(b) if so, the response of the State Governments in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Of the five State Governments which have so far responded, the Mizoram Government has supported the present ceiling of atleast 210 working